

**Aryan Coal Benefication Ltd., Chhattisgarh**

†113. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the coal-washing capacity of Aryan Coal Benefication Ltd., Dipika attached to SECL, Chhattisgarh was seven million tonnes in 2005-06;

(b) whether SECL supplied 8.91 million tonnes of coal for washery to this company in 2005-06;

(c) if so, whether supplying of coal beyond the capacity was not against the rules;

(d) if so, the action taken against the concerned SECL officials; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) As reported by Coal India Ltd., 8.91 Million tonnes of raw coal was supplied by South-Eastern Coalfield Ltd. (SECL) to M/s. Aryan Coal Benefication Ltd., who has been designated as agent by the respective linked consumers of SECL during the year 2005-06. As per rules, raw coal was supplied by SECL to the above mentioned agent only after receipt of due payment from consumer for washing at their designated washeries. Further, the Standing Linkage Committee (Short Term) for Power & Cement makes quarterly allocation of raw coal to the linked consumers, keeping in view the inputs provided by the coal companies, Railways and Nodal Ministries. The quarterly allocation relating to SECL indicates only raw coal to be supplied by the coal company to the consumers and their modes of transportation based on request of the consumers. The arrangement for washing of coal is arrived at by the concerned linked consumers themselves with washery operators.

(d) and (e) Do not arise in view of reply given to part (c) above.

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